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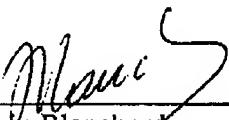
**DECLARATION**

The undersigned hereby declares:

The appropriate definition for an "outlet wedge of the cutting cylinder pair" is as follows:

A wedge shaped space that is located on an outlet side of the cutting cylinder pair and which is defined by the circumferential surfaces of the cutting cylinder pair and a plane that is tangent to each cylinder of the cutting cylinder pair on the outlet side of the cutting cylinder pair.

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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Alain Blanchard

Date: 16 Jan, 2004.